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| 1. Or rather a retraction. | 2. Or rather a recantation. |
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| 5. Or rather an examination. | 6. Or rather an accusation. |
| 7. Or rather an explication. | 8. Or rather an exhortation. |
| 9. Or rather a consideration. | 10. Or rather a confirmation. |
| 11. Or rather all of them. | 12. Or rather none of them. |



When I had finished the precedent pamphlet, & in mine owne fantasie very sufficiently euacuated my head of such homely stuffe, of which it might seeme it was verie full charged, and shewed how litle conceit or opinion I had of mine owne ability to handle stately matters, by chusing so meane a subiect to discharge my selfe vpon: I thought now to rest me a while, and to gather some strength, by feeding on some finer meates, & making some culleesses and restoratiues for my selfe out of some other mens kitchins, & not open this vaine any more. But I laboured all in vaine to stop such a vaine:

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Canaries
were so cal-
led, of the
dogges that
were found
in them,

The saying is
Thrise an vn-
der-shiriffe &
euer a knaue.

for certaine people of the nature of those
that first dwelt in the Canaries, haue for-
ced me to a further labour. For whether
it were ouer-watching my selfe at prime-
ro, or eating too much venison, which
they say is a verie melancholie meate: I
know not how, but betimes one morning
whē we vse commonly to take our sweet-
test sleepe, namely betweene eight and
halfe houre past ten, I was either in so
straunge a dreame, or in so strong a me-
lancholie, that me thought there came
to me a nimble dapper fellow (I can not
hit on his name) one that hath pretie pe-
tifogging skill in the law, and hath bin an
vnder-shiriffe (but not thrise) and is now
in the nature of an Atturney, this honest
friend told me this solemne tale; I was
(saith he) yesternight at supper at (

) Ordinarie, and there met M.
Zoilus, M. Momus, and three or foure
good natured Gentlemen more of the
same crew, and toward the end of supper
they fell to talking (as their maner is) of
certaine bookes lately come foorth. And
one of them told how Lipsyas the great
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Politicke (that learned to speake so good English but a while since) had written a booke *de Cruce*, protesting that though he vnderstood not the language, yet it offended his conscience, to see so manie crosses in one booke, and he haue so few in his purse; then they spoke of M. Reynolds booke against Bellarmine, but they could find no fault with it, for they said it was of a matter they vsed not to trouble themselues withall: thirdly they descanted of the new Faerie Queene & the old both, and the greatest fault they could find in it, was that the last verse disordered their mouthes, and was like a tricke of xvij. in a sinkapace. Finally they ran ouer manie mens writings, saying some wanted rime, some wanted reason, and some both. One they sayd, was so young, that he had not yet learned to write, another so old, he had forgotten to write, & was fit now to be *donatus rude*, as Horace saith. But to make short, at last one of them pulled out of his bosome, a booke that was not to be sold in Paules church-yard, but onely that he had borrowed it of

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And they
both beho-
neſter occu-
pations, then
Zoylus and
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his friend, and it was intituled *The metamorphoſis of A I A X*, at which they began to make maruellous ſport; and be-
cauſe it was a rainie night, they agreed
to read ouer the whole diſcourſe to paſſe
the time with. Firſt they read the authors
name, & though they vnderſtood it not,
yet that it might not paſſe without a ieſt,
they ſwore that it ſignified *Myſe in a ſack
of moſſe*. They read the letters, and ſtum-
bling once or twice on a figure called
Prolepiſis or preuention, they were angrie
their ſcoffes were ſo preuented. But whē
they found *Rabbles* named, then they
were at home, they looked for pure ſtuſſe
where he was cited for an author. The
letters being ended, they peruſed the pi-
ctures, they ſwore they were fit for a gōg-
farmer and a chimney-ſweeper. Then
they fell to the *Metamorphoſis*, it plea-
ſed them well, they ſayd it was ſcurrill,
baſe, ſhallow, ſordidous; the dittie, the
dirge, the etymologie, the pictures, gaue
matter of ieſt, of ſcorne, of deriſion, of
contempt. At laſt, they came to the true
intent (as they thought) of the whole
diſcourſe

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discourse of reforming Maister A I A x ill
breath, why, they were so pleased with it,
they were readie to vntrusse, and thought
to haue gone to it presently; but when
they came to the exposition of the name
Misacmos, and found it was a hater of
filth, it was such a ierke, that they were
halfe out of countenance with it; swoüds
saith one of them, this fellow is an ene-
mie to vs, for we are counted but filthie
fellowes among the graue gray-beardes.
But at last, when they were come to the
double distichon, directly entituled to
thē by name, they had no sooner read it,
but there was such spitting & spalling, as
though they had bene halfe choked, they
thought they should neuer get the tast
out of their mouthes, yet they tooke im-
mediatly fiftie pipes of Tabacco between
fiue of them, and an ownc or two of kis-
sing comfits. And soone after, swearing
ouer a Pater noster or two, and cursing
two or three Credoes, (I meane the poxe
& three or foure smal curses) they vowed
a solemne reuenge, and taking pen and
inke, they fell to quoting of it, meeting

Martial saith
Quincuncies
puto post decem
peractos.

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with some matter almost in euerie page, either to deride or to carpe at, and when they had done (for it wold make a booke to tell all that passed among them) at last one of them, that had some more iudgement, but not lesse malice then the rest, said in great choller, Doth this idle headed writer, because he can tel a tale of old *Stercutius* out of S. Augustine, think that his wit wil serue him to find meanes to amend the ill fauours in Ritchmond and Greenwich? No, if Hercules that serued *Augens*, if *Atlas* that sustained the world, if S. Christopher that is painted at Ritchmond with his cariage, *qui tollit peccata mundi*, if all these should ioyne with him, I doubt if it could be done. Yet said another of them (in scoffe) we may thanke him for his good meaning. Nay rather, said a third man in earnest, let vs plague him for his mallapertnesse. In couclusion they all layed their heads together as neare as they could for their brow antlers, and deuised to indite you at a priuie Sessions. Some said, you could not be indited, except you were put out of the peace

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found in the
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peace first; but straight one alledged a president in Wiltshire, of a Iustice indyted for a barreter. Now therefore (sayd my litle Atturney) aduise you how to answer it, for the Session wil be a purchased Session sooner then you looke for. He had but newe ended his speech, and I had scarce leasure to thanke him, when me thought there rushed into my chamber, a thicke well trusted fellow, with a badge iust ouer his heart; and commaunds me in the name that I loue aboue all names, to go immediatly with him. I must say truly, that though I blessed the name he vsed, and the badge he ware; yet I be-shrewed his heart for bringing me no better newes next my hart, but with him I went (for needes he must go whom the Deuill driues) and yet why should I bely the Deuill? I thinke for fortie shillings more then his fee, he would haue bene seeking me a moneth in euery place saue where I was. But to proceed, me thought this gentle pursuant brought me before an austere and graue Magistrate, whom I greatly loued and honored, to answer to

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diuerſe obiections and articles that I neuer expected to be charged with, I comforted my ſelfe as well as I could with an old adage or two, *qui vadit plane vadit ſane*, the plaine way hath the ſureſt footing, and *magna eſt veritas, & praualet*, great is the truth, and preuaileth, and then answered my accuſers as I could.

The maner of the accuſation, was not much vnlike the aſſault of a towne: for firſt they skirmiſhed as it were with ſmal ſhot, which I bare off with the armour and ſhield of plaine dealing and honeſt ſimplicities, but finding their forces increaſe, I was glad to retire me into the caſtle of innocencie, where they made a fore batterie, with Rabbinets, Minions, Sakers, & Demicannons. For as God wold haue it, they had no Cannons, but thus they obiected, and thus I answered.

Cannons ſignifie rules of law. Nowe they are not right canons but baſtard cannons, that batter innocencie.

Somelayd to my charge, I was an idle fellow, and ſhewed by my writings I had litle to do. Alas ſaid I, it is too true, and therefore if you know any man that hath an office to ſpare, you may doe well to preferre me to it: for it were a bad office that

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that I would not chaunge for this I haue taken vpon me; and if I had another, I would be content this were deuided among you.

Some said I was ^{suche} a foole to thinke seriously the deuise worthie to be published and put in practise; as a comon benefite, trust me that is true to.

Some supposed, that because my writings now lay dead, and had not bene thought of this good while; I thought (as Alcibiades cut of his dogs tayle, to make the people talke of his curtall) so I wold send my Muse abroad, masking naked in a net that I might say.

Nunc iterum volito viua per ora virum.
Of my honor that is not true. Will you deny it on your oth? No by our Lady, not for a thousand pounds.

Some said plainly, because my last work was an other mans inuention, and that some fine phrase-making fellowes, had found a distinction betweene a versifier and a Poet, I wrate this to shew I could be both when I listed, though I meane to be neither, as Thales Milesius, by making

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himselfe ritch in one yeare shewde his contempt of ritches. The deuill of the lye that is.

5 Some surmised against me, that because the time is so toying, that wholesome meates cannot be digested without wanton sauce, and that euen at wise mē's tables, fooles haue most of the talke, therefore I came in with a bable to haue my tale heard, I must needs confesse it.

6 Some said that in emulation of outlandish witts, and to be one of the first English, that had giuen the venter to make the title of his worke the worst part of it; I was perswaded to write of such an argument, I will neuer denie that while I liue.

7 Some affirmed that I had taken this laughing libertie to grace som that haue fauord me, and grate against some that had galled me, *guiltie my Lord.*

Alasse poore Gentleman (say the standers by) he will be condemned certainly for this that he hath confest already, if he be not saued by his booke: let vs heare what he will answere to the rest of the inditement.

You

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You did meane some disgrace in the letter afore the booke and in many passages of the booke it selfe, to Ladies and Gentlewomen. Who I? God damne me if I loue the not, I feare more to be damned for louing them too well. 8

You did thinke to scoffe at some Gentlemen that haue serued in some honorable seruices, though with no great good successe. As I am a Gentlemā not guilty: neither do I meane any, but such as will needs be called M. Captains, hauing neither caried out with them, not brought home with them, worth, wealth, or wit. 9

You did seeke to discredit the honest meaning & laudable endeouours of some zealous & honest men, that seeke for reformatiō, & labour faithfully & fruitfully in the word. To this in all & euerie not guiltie, prouided they rayle not against bishops nor against the Cōmuniō book. 10

You did intend some scorne to great Magistrats & men in authority, either aliuie or deceassed, vnder couert names to couer som knauery. Knauery? no as God Iudge me my Lord, not guiltie, the good 11

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yeare of all the knauerie and knaues to
for me. By whō will you be tryed? By the
Queene and the Ladies, by the Counsell
and the Lordes. What sawcie younker
will not meaner tryall serue you? No
good faith my Lord, I loued alwayes to
be the worst of the companie.

Well sirra this is the Iudgement of
the Court, that because there is hope
you may prooue a wiser man hereafter,
and that you haue some better friendes
then you are worthie of, you shall haue
this fauour, if the indiment happen to be
found, you shall trauers it, and you shall
chuse xij. free holders *bonos & legales ho-*
mines, that shal enquire of the qualitie of
your discourse, and bring in their verdict
quindena Pascha & if they find you guilty,
you shall haue a hole bored in your eare.
What to do? to weare my M^r. fauour at?
Now, God saue your M^r. life my Lord.
Clarcke of the peace draw his endytemēt
vpō the foure last articles that he denied,
& vpō the Statute of *Scādala*, for I tel you
we must teach you to learne the lawes of
the Realme, as well as your rules of Poe-
tric

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trie. Lawes? I trow I haue the law at my fingers endes.

*Aures perdētes super & sint Pillory stantes,
Scandārumantes in Regis consiliantes,
Aut in magnates noua sedicioſa loquentes,
Non producentes autores verba ſerentes.*

*Their eares muſt on the Pillory be nayld,
That haue againſt her highneſſe counſell
rayld,*

*Or ſuch as of the Peeres fowle brutes do
ſcatter,*

*And cannot bring their autor for the
matter.*

Wherefore you ſhall find I will keepe
me ſafe enough from ſcandaling. And if
you do, it is the better for you.

What is your name? *Misacmos.*
What it is a Welche name I thincke? of
whence do you write your ſelfe? *Misac-*
mos of Carnaruā Gentlemā. Who made
you of Carnaruā? She that made you of
England. Well you ſhall fare neuer the
worſe for that, but looke to the anſwe-
ring of your endytement I aduiſe you.
What muſt I haue no couſell? Straight a
bigge fellow with a beggin on his head,

I meane no
Lawyer of
our time,
but one that
Martiall
ſpeakes of.

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and his gowne of of one shoulder, cryes
no, the Queene is a partie. But I had ra-
ther your gown were of the other, shoul-
der & your head after, then you should
make her a partie against me, & yet as ill
as I loue you, I wold my secōd sonne had
chaunged possibillities with your eldest
for a thing that I know, and thus after a
few wrangling wordes, me thought the
Court rose for that time, and suddenly
my man came busling into my chamber
and told me, that all the Gentlemen that
had bene riding on the heath were come
backe againe, and that it was neare xi. of
the clocke, and straight I called for my
fute of Abrizetta, and made all the hast I
could to make me readie, not so much as
tarying to say my prayers, least I might
not come time enough to the peace of
God at the closet, and so I might be in
daunger to loose my dynner.

But hauing somewhat better ponderd
with my selfe this foresaid fancie, I was
somewhat troubled with it, not so much
for those hanging Metaphors, for as a
good Knight of our country sayd, gogs
soule

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soule sirs, the best Gētle mā of vs all need
not forswear hāging, but that I thought
that my Genius hereby presaged to me
some perill to my reputation, of the sun-
drie sensures I should incur by letting
such a Pāphlet fly abroad at such a time,
when euerie thing is taken at the volley,
and therefore I held it not vnneccessarie,
as much as in me lay, to keep it from the
view and censure of all such as were like
to deride it, despise it, or disgrace it, and
to recommend it onely to all such as I
thought wold allow it & approue it. For
to confesse the truth frankly to you my
good cosins ὁ καὶ ἡ φιλοσιλπνος, I desire not
altogether to haue it cōcealed, least som
hungrie promoting fellowes should beg
it as a concealement, and begge the au-
tor also, for writing a thing that he were
ashamed to shew, but if I might gouerne
the matter as I would, I would generallie
recōmend it only to such as haue houses
and families of their own. For I remem-
ber I haue read of a certaine king of the
Lacedemonians, that being one day pri-
uat in his garden, was teaching one of his

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sonnes of five yeares old to ride on a stick, and vnawares a great Ambassadour came to speake with him, & found him in the manner: at which, both the king, and the Ambassadour in the kings behalfe began to blush at first; but soone after, the king put away the blush, & the hobbie horse together, and with a pretty smile asked the Ambassadour, if he had any litle children of his owne? He answered no. Then said he, I pray you tell not what you found me doing, till you haue some litle ones of your owne, and then tell it, and spare not.

For euen so, I would request men to forbear reading of this discourse, or at least reprocuing of it; till they had of their owne that, that would make them know the commoditie and cleynesse of it, & for those that will not, I would but wish them (as Martiall wishes to Charinus. *Quidimprecabor ô seuerè Linēti. Opto Mulos habeat & suburbanum*) so I would, they could ride on their footcloth, and had a house, and A IAX of their owne. Yet surely it may be, it were the wisest way to show

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show it to none at all, and so I halfe wish sometimes, but because euerie generall rule must haue his exception, you shall see whom I would be content both the discourse, and the deuise may be shewed vnto.

First to a good and iudicious scholer, for he will reade it, care he will iudge of it; and say *omnia pr. bate*; & then perhaps after he hath read it, he will smile, and say it is some young schollers worke, that would haue shewed more wit if he had had it; but it is well, *ridentem dicere verū quis vetat*, &c: and then he wil say, it were good, some of his friends would aduise him to spend his talent, and his time on some better subiect. But some supercilious fellow, or some stale scribe, that thinke men will not iudge them to be learned, except they finde faults; they will sweare, a man would haue written as well, that had read but *Marcus Aurelius*.

Secondly, I would haue it shewed to a housekeeper, that hath much resort to him, for it were not onely a deede of charitie to helpe such a one, but a sinne to

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Directions
for shewing
the booke.

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A common
excuse of
such as
breake vp
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hide it from him; for else he may picke a quarrell (and say) that this same compaignie hath so stench't vp his house, that he must be forced to lye at London, till his house be made sweeter.

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Thirdly, if one be a builder and no house-keeper; let him see it to, for he loues to haue all fine for his heire; and perhaps I would be content for the loue I haue had to that humour, that my master his sonne, were married to his mistres my daughter; as Heywood saith of a lustie old widower that wooed a young woman, and boasting how well he would prouide for his sonne.

*In a short tale, when his long tale was don:
She pray'd him go home, & send her his son.*

But if one be a builder, & a housekeeper both; then I will come home to his house to him, I will reade him a lecture of it, I will instruct his workeman, I will giue him plots and models, and do him all the seruice I can: for that is a man of my own humor, & a good common wealthsman; but yet I will giue him a caueat in his eare, that I learned of Sir Thomas More

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More, if his purse be not well furnisht.
*Ædificare domos multas, & pascere multos,
est ad pauperiem, semita laxa nimis.*
The way from wealth, and store, to want,
and neede,

Is much to build, and many mouthes to feed.

Fourthly, if you would know whether
you should show it to Ladies? Yea in any
wise to all maner of Ladies, of the Court,
of the country, of the City, great Ladies,
lesser Ladies, learned ignorant, wise sim-
ple, fowle wellfaoured, (painted vnpain-
ted) so they be Ladies, you may boldly pre-
fer it to the. For your milkmayds, & coun-
try housewiues, may walke to the woods
to gather strawberries, &c. But greater
states cannot do so; & therefore for the it
is a comoditie more the I will speake of,
yet for a touch vpon this point, make me
but a good ryme to this line after dinner.
*Within yon tower, there is a flower, that
holds my hart.*

Howbeit, you must not show it after
one fashion to all, but to the wise and so-
ber, after a plaine fashion; to the wanton
and waggiſh, after another fashion; as

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namely, if they cry (fie for shame) when they heare the title read, or such like; do but you say (for company) that it is a mad fantasticall booke indeed, and when you haue done hide it away, but where they may finde it, and by the next day, they wilbe as cunning in it as you: for this is not the first time that I haue said of such a kinde of booke.

*In Brutus presence, Lucrece will refuse it,
Let him but turne his backe, and sh'ill
peruse it.*

Fiftly, you may shew it to all amorous youſg youthes, that wil scratch their head but with one finger at once (as Cato noted of *Cesar*) and had rather be noted of three disorders in their liues, then of one in their lockes; and specially if they be so cleanly, that they will not eat pottage (no not alone) but that they will wipe their spone betweene euerie spone-full, for feare least their vpper lip should infect the neither: for I would thinke certainly, that such a one, if he be so cleanly as he would seeme to be, would make great account of A I A x so well reformed

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med. But yet the world is so full of dissimulation, and hypocrisie, that we of the plainer sort may be easily deceiued; for I heard of one the last day, in a towne a hundred myle from London, that had engrossed all the fine fashions into his handes; of the curling, perfuming, wypping the spones, &c: and yet after all this cleaynesse, went to as common, and as deformed A I A X of the feminine gender, as any was in the towne, and then alas, what will such a one care for my deuice. Lastly, I would haue it shewed to all good fat corpulent men, that carry with them a writ of *Corpus cum causa*, for they are commonly the best natured me Prayse of fat men. that be; without fraud, without trecherie, as *Caesar* said of *Anthony*, and *Dolabella*, that he neuer mistrusted them for any practise, because he saw they were fat, but rather *Casca* and *Cassius*, that were leane hollow fellowes, and cared not for a good dinner: And therefore I would be censured by those good fellowes that haue lesse gall, and the rather, because I looke euery day for presse money frō the

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Captaine, to be imployed in the conquest of that country, and this engyn of mine is like to be in great request for those seruices. But me thinkes, you may say that here is a maruellous restraint made of showing this discourse of mine; not much vnlike to our stage keepers in Cambridge, that for feare least they should want companie to see their Comedies, go vp and downe with vizers, and lights, puffing and thrusting & keeping out all men so precisely; till all the towne is drawne by this reuell to the place; and at last, tag and rag, fresh men and subsizers, & all be packt in together, so thicke, as now is scant left roome for the Prologue, to come vpon the stage: for so you may suppose, that I would barre all frō this Pamphlet of mine, saue those, that can write, or read, or vnderstād. But if you take it thus, you do much mistake it; for there be diuers from whō I would keepe it, as I would from fire and water, as for example.

I
Foure sortes
of men, that

First, from a passing proud fellow, such
a one as Naaman the Syrian, that would
disdaine

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disdaine to wash in Iordan, though it ^{will mislike} would cure him of the Leprosie, or the ^{of the booke} pox; & to such for my part, I would wish, ,,
they might lay all in their gold breeches, ,,
rather then to abase their high conceits, ,,
so much, as to thinke vpon poore Master ,,

A I A x.

Secondly, from all manner of fooles 2
and iesters, whether they be artificiall, or
naturall; for these be so dull, they cannot
tast the salt, in a peece of well powdred
writings; and those be so tart, they will
rather loose a friend the a iest: yet if their
railing were allaide a litle, with the two
excellent vertues, of flattering, and beg-
ging; one might hope for some kindnesse
at their hands.

Thirdly, if you spie a fellow with a bay 3
leafe in his mouth, auoyd him, for he ca-
rieth a thing about him worse then Mai-
ster A I A x, that all the deuises we haue
cannot reforme.

Fourthly, if you see a stale leane hun- 4
grie poore beggerly thridbare Kaulle-
ro, like to Lazorelloes maister, that whe
he dined at his owne house, came foorth

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with more crümes of bread on his beard,
then in his belly, and that being descended
of diuerse Nobilities, wil do a meane
gentleman the honour to borow ten shil-
lings of him: shew it not him, for though
he can say nothing against it, yet he will
leere vnder his hat, as though he could
speake more then he thinkes. For such a
one that mak's not a good meale at home
once in a monieth, hath not a good stoole
about once in a weeke, and then he will
neuer say vs Gramercie for it: and this I
may say to you, is a consideration of no
small importance, for though I must ac-
knowledge, that is not one of the meri-
torious workes. I looke to be saued by, yet
to haue a prayer or two from some, that
perhaps neuer say prayer any where else,
would do me no hurt, nor them neither.
And me thinke I might much better
deferue a kn-aue Mery to be said for me,
where my stately A' I A x is admitted, &
standes men in steed; then he, for whose
soule the young Gentlemã, the first time
he cõsumated his mariage with his wife,
said a *Pater noster*; and being asked for
whom

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whom he prayed, he told his wife, it was for his soule that had taken the paines to make his way, so easie for him. Oh Sir said she, it is a signe you haue trauelled such wayes more then an honest man should haue done that you are so cunning, and so they became good friendes. But ware ryot hoe, whither am I running? I said I would keepe me from scandaling, but if I stop not betime, some will thinke to haue their action in the case against me; yet it is good to cast the worst. Suppose that for my bad indyting, I should be indyted, as it is twentie to one but if the graūd Iurie were packt by a bad Shiriffe, out of those foure last mentioned sutes (and of three of them, you shall haue a full apparaunce in most Courts of Christendome) they will sure say *billa vera*, though they should say of right nothing but *ignoramus*. But see see, euen with thinking of it I fall againe into my former melancholie, me thinke the indytemēt is foud, I am arraigned, I plead not guiltie, I would still be tryed by the Nobilitie, by such as build statelypal-

Proud
Fooles
Beggars.

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laces and keepe great Courts, but it will not be graunted me, I must haue none but freeholders; I chaffe at it, and would appeale; they cry it is not the course of the cōmō law, I praise the Ciuill law; for there a man may hold play with appealing, if he haue a litle idle money to spēd; three or foure yeare. At last comes the litle dapper fellow my honest Attorney; that knew better the course of these matters then I did, and he roundes me in the eare, and tells me that for fortie shillings to Maister high Shiriffes man that weares the russet sattin doublet, and the yellow filke stockings, he will vndertake, I shall haue a Iurie of good freeholders: but for the Nobilitie it is out of their cōmissiō; & Sir (saith he) what need you to stand so much on the Nobilitie, considering you desire to haue none, but great housekeepers, and builders? For suppose you could get 3. or foure to appeare. One at Petworth, an other hard by, there at Coudrey (where in the old Vicoūts time *Iupiter hospitales* is said to haue dwelt) and the young Lord I heare doth *patry* *fare,*

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sare, or rather I should say *Anisare*, (and that is a good word, if he will marke it.) Say also another dwelt at Ragland in Monmouth shire, where I heard a good Knight of Glostershire affirme, the most honorable house of that Realme was kept: & a fourth at Nonesuch, where the house-keeper for true English Noblesse and honour, deserves the name, better then the house. But when you shal thinke to make vp the *Tales*, where wil you haue them? some will be *non est inuentus in ballina*, some that you loue best, will not be perhaps *intra quatuor maria*; wherefore the Iudge was your friend more then you were aware, that giues you choise of freeholders.

Beleeue me (said I) I thinke it is so in deede, hold thee my litle dappert knaue, there is fortie shillings for Maister Shiffes man, to buy him another paire of silke stockings, and there is fortie pence for thy good counsell, and see you finde me a lurie of substantiall free-holders, that are good house-keepers to trie my honestie by. He goeth and ere an Ape

Wooden
stockes were
fitter for the
then silke
stockings.

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can cracke a nut (as they say) he brings the names, and Maister Cryer he comes twentie shillings in his shoes, and cals thē though he be sure they cannot heare him. As followeth.

I John Harington of Exton, in the Countie of Rutland Knight, *aliās* John Har: of Burleigh, in the Countie aforesaid, *aliās* of Combe, in the Countie of Warwick, *aliās* of Ooston, in the Countie of Leicester; come into the Court, or else, &c. Hath he free hold? Yea he is a pretie free-holder in all these shires: Moreouer saith a third mā, though he be a free-holder; yet he hath married his daughter to one, that for a grandfather, for a father, for two vncles, & three or foure aunes, may compare with most men in Englād. Lastly a fourth said, & foure hūdred cōfirme it, that he relieues many poore, & sets them to worke; he builds not onelie his own houses, but Colledges, and Hospitals. Mary Sir, then shall he be foreman of my Iurie with all my verie hart, a builder and a house-keeper both, you cānot deuise to please me better. I would
there

*I promyse you sayth
another he is a
great housekeeper*

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there were a *decem tales* in euerie shire in England, & on that cōdition, I would be glad to be one of them. Well, what haue you to say to Sir Iohn Harington? Mary this. Here is one *Misacmos*, that is accused by some diligent officers and good seruants of the state, to be a writer of fantastick Pamphlets, to corrupt manners; the same suspected of diuers vntruthes, and treasons, not sparing the Maiesties of Kings, and great Emperours (saying one was a cuckold and a foole, another had an ill face, as in the Pamphlet it selfe more plainly appeareth) now because it seemes he is a Gentleman, and of reasonable good breeding; he craues to be tried by a substantiall Iurie, of which, for many respectes, he will haue you to be the forman. He pleads to all the principall matters not guiltie, and iustifies, that those things they call vntruth, and treason, are truth, and reason. He is to be tried, by God and country, which country you are, wherefore your charge is (if it please you) to read the whole Treatise at your leasure, and then to say how you

But enquire
what the
good Lord
of Bedford
called them.

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like it. He saith further, he cares not to haue you sworne, because your word will be taken for a greater matter then this, by ten thousand pounds without oth. Iurie Harington.

2 Who is next? Sir Iohn Peeter of ~~Thorne~~^{Thorne} den in the Countie of Essex Knight, a good house-keeper, and a builder both. Hath he free hold? Yea so so, I thinke he may weare veluet and sattin, by the Statute of (4. & 5. *Phil. Ma.*) for he may dispend twentie markes a yeare *ultra repri-
sas*. Well, because he is a builder and a house-keeper, I hope he will not deny me to be of my Iurie. The same charge, &c: that Sir Iohn Harington tooke you, &c: and so long may you keepe a good house. Iurie Peeter.

3 Sir Iohn Spenser Knight, a good substantiall free-holder in Northampton shire, and a good house-keeper, and so was the father afore him: Oh I remember him, he had a poore neighbour once dwelt at Holmeby, that made foure verses if I haue not forgot them, were fortie shillings out of his way.

Erupuit

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*Erupuit fors dura mihi, fors altera reddit,
- Hec loca qua veteri, rudere structa vides:
Aeternos viuat, Magma Elisabetha p annos,
Qua me tam grato, lata fauore beat.*

By S. Mary he had good cause to say,
well fare a good Mistresse, or else Holm-
by had bin ioyned to your freehold. How
say you worthy Knight (& the best man
of your name that is, but not that hath
bene) will you be of our Iurie? You will
say you know not this same *Misacmos*. It
may be so verie well; for I thinke the fel-
low doth scarce know him selfe at this
instant, and yet he learned *γνως σε αυτον*
twentie yeares ago. Well, I presume you
will not refuse it: for though you neuer
heard of him, it seemes he hath heard of
you. I will tell you two or three good to-
kēes, you haue three or foure sisters, good
well fauored, well featured, wel statured,
well natured women, for plaine country
wenches; and they were married to men,
a step, or two, or three, or foure, aboue
the best yeomā of Kent (wel fare all good
tokens) and one of them is a widow, I be-
shrow their harts, & I would their wiues

There were
Earles of the
Spensers.

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were widowes that made her so. I trow it was Sir Iames Harington, and your father, that went a begging to make a purse to marie their daughters; but you will make a hundred of vs go a begging, if we should follow you: will you haue any more tokens yet? you had a brother of Lincolnes Inne; and an other they say keeps a good house, for I weene the best house-keeper in England was at his house; yet one token more, you haue a learned writer of your name, make much of him, for it is not the least honour of your honorable familie. Iurie Spencer.

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Thomas Stanop Knight, of Shelford in the Countie of Notingham a house-keeper, a builder, a substantiall freeholder, come into the Court. Alasse Sir he is lame he cannot come. Is he so indeed? I am sory for it: I haue heard that he hath borne some sway in his country, yet bid him not forget the old prouerbe, a good friend in the Court, is worth a penie in the purse at all times. VVell, if he cannot come let vs haue an other. Oh Sir (saith one) stay but a *Pater noster* while, and you may

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may haue his sonne in his place. What
(Maister Iohn Stanop my old Schoole-
fellow, an honest & valiant Gentleman)
I will tarrie for him with all my hart. To
the next.

Mathew Arundell Knight, of War- 5
der in the Countie of Wiltshire a good
freeholder, and a builder. Tush he is no
housekeeper, so said one that dwels three
score myle to Trent Northward. Is it so?
I will know within this moneth, if it be so
or no; In the meane season, I will venter
to take him if I can meet with him. For
first I doubt, if he him selfe that said so,
haue spent so much in honorable seruices
as this freeholders sonne hath done. Se-
condly, I haue seene both Lords, and La-
dies, as well intertained in his poore
house, and serued in as fine plate, and
Porcelain, as any is in the North. And ad-
mit he were no housekeeper, yet I would
haue him, because I heare he is a good
horsekeeper, a red deare keeper, a fallow Horse-kee-
per.
deare keeper, and other such base things,
as may enable him for my Iurie. Come
on old father Peleus, he lookes like

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Prester Iohn in his furred night cap; but he hath more wit vnder that cap, then two or three of his neighbours. Will it please you Sir, to be of our Iurie? It shall cost the life of one of the bald faced buckes else. What are you angry, I call you *Peleus*? If I were but an other *Pro-motheus*, I would sweare your fortune should be, to be like *Peleus*: for the time was, that one wrate of your *Thetis*, when she waited on Diana at Hatfield.

Who marketh well her grace, thereby may plainly see,

A Laura in her face; and not a willoughbee.

Whist? peace (saith my litle Atturney in mine eare) you that are so full of your Poetry, we shall haue a new endytement framed against you vpon the Statute of *Rogues*. For telling of fortunes. Haue you a verse for that too? Yes Mary haue I Sir.

*Fati narrator, Aegyptus, Praestigator,
Aure peruratur, simul atq, flagella sequatur.
All fortune tellers, Iugglers, and Egiptions,
Are burnd in th'eare, or whipt by lawes
prescriptions.*

Not-

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Notwithstanding I trust a man may by *poetica licentia*, and by example of *Virgill*, tell fortunes that be past; yet litle said is soone amēded; howbeit, I will not forget to be thankfull to this good Knight, for one speciall fauour he did me. And that was; he made me go when I was with him at Warder, to as stately *A I A X house* (for a sommer house) and as sweete, as any can be; in a standing made in an Oke, that hanges ouer a ponde, and maruell not I call it stately: for this Maister *A I A X*, if you bring but an Angle rod, and a crosbow with you; will affoord choise of three royall sports, to kill deare, foule, and fish; now this I take it, was more then cōmon kindnesse, and somuch for Iurie Arundell.

Frauncis Willoughby Knight, of Wollerton in the Countie of Nottingham, a good freeholder, a housekeeper, and a great builder. Oh my neighbour, that dwels a hūdred myle from me, & yet but a hedge partes our land; good morrow neighbour, with the faire house, the faire wife, and the faire liuing. *Tomt bean,*

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sont beau. I pray you let vs haue a faire verdict from you in our matter ; or else I will promise you , I will rather lye in the worst Inne in Notingham , then in the fairest bedchamber in your house ; and if you will be of our side , I will pray that all your fayres , may be the fayrer , one for another . Iurie Willoughby.

7 Iohn Berin Knight, of the same Countie , a great good housekeeper . Marie Gods blessing on his hart for it . Indeede I remēber they would say , that Sir Iohn Berin for Notinghamshire , was as great a housekeeper , as Sir Edward Baynton in Wiltshire : and then I will be sworne , he was a good one . Well , let vs make much of him , for there is but a few of the left ; I trust he will not refuse me , for my Iurie . Iurie Berin.

George Sampooke Knight , a Lincolnshire man , and a Lincolns Inne man ; a good freeholder , & keepes a good house in his country (as I heare) but I know my neighbours of Bath will affirme , that he kept good hospitalitie there : and that he & his faire Ladie both , are a worthie , virtuous ,

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tuous, & a godly couple. Well, let them be as godly as they may, and as perfect in the Scripture as *Priscilla* and *Aquila*; I hope they will not denie, but I haue good authorities, for my teshe, and giue a friendly verdict. Iurie Sampoole.

Raph Horsey Knight, the best housekeeper in Dorsetshire, a good freeholder, a Deputie Lieutenant. Oh Sir, you keepe haukes, and houndes, and hunting horses; it may be some mad fellow will say, you must stand in the Bath vp to the chinne, for spending fise hundred pounds, to catch hares, & partridges, that might be taken for fise pounds. But if you do come to Bath (so you will be one of my Iurie) I will stand as deepe in the bath as you, and it is odds, but at the spring and fall, we shall meet good company there. I pray you giue a friendly verdict, for old acquaintance between Kings Colledge, and Trinitie Colledge. Iurie Horsey.

According
to the tale,
in the hun-
dred merie
tales.

Sir Hugh Portman of Orchard, in the Countie of Somerset Knight, a good housekeeper, a builder, and a substantiall freeholder. Marie Sir I might ill haue

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spared him . Come my good Knight , I haue kept you in store for a dead list ; I hope you will sticke close to vs , for the Law ; for you haue as much if you list to shew it , as some that weare coyfes . Besides , you haue that same soueraigne medicine against the consumption , called *aurum potabile* : & I know your neighbours of Taunton say , you are liberall of it ; and for your good hospitalitie , your neighbours of the Court wil say , you are no niggard of your meate . Yet I remember one day , when I told a good friend of yours ; that I was sure you neuer tooke vsurie : well (saith he) though I graunt he doth many men kinde pleasures , yet he doth them not all *gratis* . I promised him I would tell you so , and to pick a further thanke , I will tell you what I answered him . (For I guessed at his meaning , by meanes I had once some smattering of the Latin tounge) if your *gratis* (quoth I) be an adiectiue , the fault is theirs , & the prayse is his .

Gratis signifies to thankfull persons . But *gratis* the aduerbe signifies freely .

Well Sir Hugo , I will come shortly and see your new builded Orchard (I thinke

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thinke there is not two better Orchards
in England, and put Kent to it) and when
we haue conferred, for reforming one
fault there (you can smell my meaning I
am sure) then would I aske your opiniō,
which makes a man happier, *to be wise, or
ritch*. I asked a Philosopher once, and (he
said) he could not tell, because he still saw
the wise men wayte, at the ritch mens
doores. Well happie are you if you can
decide this question, and happier if you
cannot decide it. A ritch man, a wise mā,
a builder, and specially a bachelor. *Fran-
co, sciolto, slegato, ô che felice stato*. Where-
fore keepe you so still, and beleeue me it
is the happiest state, yet tell not my wife
that I say so, for (of my honestie) she will
make me vn say it again, with all my hart.
Iurie Portman. Cryer count them.

Sir Iohn Harington, one. Sir Iohn
Peeter, two. Sir Iohn Spencer, three. Sir
Thomas Stanop, foure. Sir Mathew A-
rundell, fīue. Sir Frauncis Willoughby,
six. Sir Iohn Berin, seuen. Sir George
Sampoole, eight. Sir Raph Horsey, nine.
Sir Hugh Portman, ten: whop, why how

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now Maister K. Shiriffes mā? Here is but
ten, Giue me a noble, of my 40. shillings
backe againe. Oh speake soft Sir, you shal
haue a *tales* for two more, the best we
can get, but we can finde you no more
Knights. There is two names more for
you. Who haue we here? Raph Sheldon
of Beeley, in the Countie of Worcester
Esquire. Thomas Markham Gētleman.
First let vs see what this same Sheldō is.
Hath he freehold? Yea Sir. He is a good
freeholder, a great house-keeper, a buil-
der, an excellent common wealthes man
as any is in all his country; I will warrant
you, he will be for you. Not too much of
your warrants. What said Harry Tuttle
to his graūdfather? Giue me leaue I pray
you a litle, I haue heard he is an vnthrif-
t, I haue forgottē at what game it was, but
I am sure it was said; if he had not had
faire play playd him, he was in daunger
within these two yeares, to haue lost his
lād, by one plea or other. By the masse it
is true, there was such a matter. Wel, let
him thāke a guiltlesse cōsciēce, & a gra-
cious Princeſſe, that he sped no worſe.
Oh

What is a
knaues war-
rant worth?
A by word of
Somerſet
ſhire.

And let him
pray for
Traiās ſoule.
with S. Gre-
gorie.

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Oh these same *oues*, & *boues*, & *pecora cāpi*, a flocke of white sheepe in a greene field, and a new house on a high hill; I tell you, they be perillous tempting markes to shoot at.

It is straunge to see the world, not halfe a yeare before I heard one that was a great Courtier say, that he thought him one of the sufficientest wise men of England, and fittest to haue bene made of the Counsell, but for one matter; and indeed by *Cornelius Agrippa* his rule, that is a right Courtiers commendacion: For after they haue roued three or foure idle words to praise a man, straight they mar all at the buts: I would to God for their own sakes, & mine too, they could leaue it. Well Maister Sheldon, I pray you be of our Iurie, for you haue made a fine house at Weston (but I know one fault in it. Now though I praise your house like a Courtier with a but, you must bring in your verdict, like a plaine countryman, without the but.

Thomas Markham Gētle mā come to the Court, which Markham is this: black

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Markhā keeper of Bescowd, why he is a Squire, I trow I haue a verse for it, made by a most honorable Poet.

*To Thomas Markham the gentle Squire,
VVhom Sir Fulke Greuill cal'd a grim sire.*

Yea it is true; but the case is altered since: for that same good Knight is lame, or else I dare answere he would haue appeared on this Iurie him selfe (and his sonne is an honorable Gentleman and a great states man may do a man displeasure about the Queene, it is not good troubling of him.) If it be that Markham I will none of him, for I heard a noble Philosopher of the same coate that the Poet was, say that he is a Stoicke, and I will no Stoickes of my Iurie; of the two extremes I would rather haue Epicures. Besides that, I would haue no such black fellowes, for we shall haue some of these Poetrie men say, as one said of Sir Harry Goodyeare when he wrote *Candida sint comitū Goodyeeri nil nisi nigrum*, he wrate vnderneath it. *Hic niger est, hunc tu Regina caueo*, a goodyeare on him for his good *caucat*, for he hath had since some young

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young scholers that haue learned to put in the like *caueats*. *Caue credas* take heed you trust him not, but *Tullie* saith in his Oration *pro Ligario*; *nōne omnem humanitatem exuerunt?* Haue they not cast away all sence of humanitie? And a litle after saith the same *Tully* of *Caue ignoscas*; *Hac nec hominis, nec ad hominem vox: qua qui apud te C. Caesar utetur, suam ipsi citius abijcient humanitatē, q̄ extorquebunt tuā*, thus in Englād. Take heed you pardon not. O lewd speech, not fit to be spoken of a mā nor to a man, which speech, whosoeuer shal vse to thee (ô more then *Caesar*) shall sooner discouer their own cruell inclination, then extort frō thee thy naturall clemencie. O deuine *Tullie*, is not this Christianly spoken of a heathē? were not that heathenishly spokē of a Christian? Well he that should put in such a *caueat* for me, I would follow presently a *quare impedit*, why I might not present him for a *cnave* at litle Brainford & lesse honesty.

Thomas Markham Gentleman, come to the Court; Yet againe? I tell thee I will none of him, one said he lookt blacke on

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*In memoria
aeterna erit iu-
stus.*

accused and
said, Lopus
had bid him
say, he was a
daungerous
man, with
Cave credas.
*Tanquã ster-
cus, memoria
impiarum.*

him.yea, but he that found such fault with
his complexiõ, I heard one tell him was
dead, and he answered verie charitablie;
young he was, & poore he was, & knaue
he was, and so God haue mercy on his
knaues soule. Faith that is like enough to
be his answer. Thẽ it may be he is cleare
otherwise, though he look black. Cleare,
yea on my word. *Cãdido piu nel cuor che di
fuor Cigno.* What is that? *Rara avis in ter-
ris nigroq, simillima Cigno;* iust as Termins
lips, now you haue compared him well,
as white as a blacke swan. Wel I haue no
minde to haue him of my Iurie, he is but
a poore freeholder, he hath no credit. No
credit? why his bond hath bene taken for
twentie thousand pounds. Hath it? more
foole he, I will neuer trust him for halfe
so much, I pray thee looke me some bet-
ter freeholder. Why Sir? I aduise you
do you not scorne him, though he be no
Knight, he had a Knight to his father, &
hath a Knight to his sonne, you may well
admit him of your Iurie. I tell thee my
litle knaue, thou doest presse me beyond
good manners, I wil not haue him. Harke
in

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in your care, they say he is *Mal-content*. Who saith so? Nay who saith not so? *Vnto is undone, Markham is mal-content*. Who hath not heard that? wherefore make no more a do, but send me for his nephew Robert that came of the elder house, and of the bloud of Lācaster, he that Maister Secretarie Walsinghā gaue the Arabian horse, I would haue him, he is a fairer cōplectioned mā by halfe, and in sadnesse I wish him well. Hey hoe: what doest thou sigh? Alasse sir he wold come with all his hart, but he is busie sitting on a commission, (I haue forgotten in what Benche it is) and when he hath done there, he must go they say to an other Bēche at Oxford. What Robert Markham of Cottam, so honest a Gentlemā, so good a housekeeper, so well descended, so well affected in Religion, & become such a Bencher, that when he is called is forth comming, but not comming forth, I am sorie I can do him no pleasure, I would his best cosen did know it. The time hath bene that if he could haue walked with a litle stick like a ragged staffe on his sleue, or if he

A lewd libell
made at the
death of the
Lord Chan-
cellour Hat-
ton.

Kings Bēch.

Penilesse
Bench.

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had had but a walking hynde, or a ramping stag, or the white birde, that is such a beautie to the Thamis, he should not haue layne so long after his resting. Well then I perceiue the world goeth hard on all the Markhams sides; I thinke they be all *Mal-contenters*, they shall none of the be of my Iurie, I pray God they do not say that I am of kinne to them, for indeede my name *Misacmos* begins with an *M*. what if one should write *Miscamos* is *mal content*? I would leape vpon the letter, & replie. By your leaue you lye, like a lowt lewd Maister Libeller. But Markham is *mal-content*, how proue you it? *Scriptum est enim*, for it is written, but it is in *libro fictitio* I would you could name me your authour; yet let vs examine this *ignoto*, if he say true. Let vs do him the fauour that men do to Astronomers, if they tell but one true tale, beleeue him in a hundred lyes, sure you lyed in all the rest good M. Libeller, for first he that you said was vndone, liued to do more seruice for his country, then euer you will do, and many things are left vndone by his death, that

Agrippa.

The Libell
is thus.

Impton is vndone.

Markham is
mal-content.

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that might perhaps haue bin much better done; & he that you said fadeth, doth now flourish with a guilt axe in his hand, in a much more honorable seruice, & he that you said wayled, is well and merie (he thanks you not) and he you said was bankrout, payes the Queene more subside, then you and I both, I dare lay a wager; and the other two, the one neede not go bare head, for want either of hat or haire, and the other will neither dodge nor doubt to shew his face as you do. Wherefore M. Libeller (though in this matter you are cited, & beleued better then *S. Austen*) yet I beleue you not in saying Markhams be *mal-contents*; and yet at a venture, I would you had the causes of discontent that they haue, so they had none of them; but thus I will distinguish vpon the authority alledged; that taking *Mal-content* as an honest mā might take it; namely a mā sorowfull for the grieuous losse of his greatest friend; the vngratefull requitals of most kinde & friendly offices; the vnaduised reuolt of his deare sonne, the vnaccustomed

Flower fadeth.

Swale waileth.

Dodge doubteth.

Bancroft is bankrout.

Hatten is, Hat of.

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frowne of his dread soueraigne, if a man felt no discontent in these, I would say he were a stock & not a Stoicke, but vnderstanding it as I know you would be vnderstood, that they be *Mal-content* as ill affected to their Prince, I dare say you lye in plaine English, but there is one will come home shortly I trow, that will tell you, if you be so full of the French, as I take you to be *Tumens par la gorge*. But good M. Libeller and your fellowes, I know your meanings, you would faine make *mal-contents*, and it grieues you you cānot, the water is to cleare for your fishing, you catch nothing but goodgins, the great fishes be too warie, & now you are faine to lesseon your meafnes contrarie to Statute, being willing to play any game rather then sit out. Or I thinke you haue read the pollicie of Richard the third, who to giue his wife a preparatiue to her death, gaue out first she was dead, hoping that this corsiue (cordial I would haue said) might breake her hart, as it did indeed. So you worthy members of your country (God amend you, for I was saying

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Elis. that the
meafne must
be two inches
and a halfe.

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ing, the plague take you all) when you would make Mal-contents then your pollicie giues out first that they be so. Oh take heed of such a one, he is a dangerous mā. A Puritā, why so? He will not sweare nor ride on a Sunday, then he wishes to well to the Scottish Church, note him in your tables. An other is a Papist. How know you? He said he hoped his grandfathers soule was saued. Tush but he goes to Church. Mary they be the most perilous men of all. And why so I pray you? if they will vēter their soules to please their Prince, what do you suspect them of. Oh if they be Catholicke, they are Spanish in their harts, for he is their Catholicke king. By my fay that is somewhat you say, but I pray you, you that are not Spanish but all for the Frēch, what Religiō is the French king of? Oh no more of that, you will answere that when Callis is French againe. Fare you well Sir.

Thomas Markhām Gētleman, come into the Court, and plucke vp thy old spirits. Is not this he should haue bene controuler, and now he is affrayd rather to

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be controlled. What euill hath he done? His second sonne grew so great he could not finde roome enough in England. Alas poore boy, God punisheth oft the siane of the father on the children, but neuer but once that I haue reade of, the sonnes offence on the father. Is there no body hath a sonne so farre of? I trow there is. And yet he a true and worthy Gentleman. Thomas Markham Gentleman her Maiesties seruant extraordinary, come to the Court. Why was he once ordinarie? Yea that he was. Ask old Hatfield me, & aske them quickly to, for they be aln. oft. all gone. Why man he was standerd bearer to the worthie bād of Gentlemē Pētioners. What did he leaue such a place *gratis*? yea *gratis* the aduerbe. Why wold he leaue it? Because it asked such perpetuall attendance? Oh now you haue answered me, he shall be none of my Iurie for that. Had he so litle wit? Well sir saith my Atturney, I pray you dally no more but take him, for you may haue a worse else. I say vnto you he is a right English man, a faithfull, plaine, true, stout Gētleman,

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man, & a man of honestie & vertue. Out
asse. What doest thou tell me of these
stale fashions of the sword and buckler
time? I tell thee they are out of request
now, (honest, & vertuous) I durst as leaue
you had told me a tale of an old laces. Of
A I A x? Marie that I cā do to. I assure you
he loues an easie cleanly Iaxe maruel-
lous wel, & he is a very good fellow at the
Iax, for if one be his deare friend, he will
let him tarrie with him, while he is at his
businessse. I thinke he saith his prayers
there, for I wil be sworne, I heard him say
oft times, I thāke God I haue had a good
stoole, &c. May I belecue this of your
word? Yea be bold of it, I can proue both
this & all the rest by very good witnessse.
Why didst thou not say thus much at the
first? I would haue had him, though I had
gone to Barwick on foote for him. What
a good freeholder, a builder, and a house
keeper, and loues a sweet Iax too; though
he cannot be *Alpha* of my Iurie, yet he
shall be *Omega*. Come on M. Markham,
I must craue lesse acquaintance of you
as grim as you looke, did not a Lady say

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A most ho-
norable
Earle, and
true friend.

once, that I should fare the better for that
good face of yours, and God thanke her
for it, so I did indeede yet now some will
make me beleue, I fare the worse for it.
Be of good cheare mā. What makes you
so sad? I haue commédations for you frō
your old friend, Thomas of Ormōd hath
sent you a hawke, will make you liue one
yeare the lōger. I cannot make him look
merely on me for all this, he sees he can
not liue lōg, he must thinke of his graue.
Tush man though you cannot liue long,
you may linger. (as please God.) as o-
thers haue done, some 3, or 4. and twenty
yeares yet. What say you? no life? M. Ri-
chard Drake hath you commended, and
would haue you get the Queene an other
gelding, for Gray Markhā will haue his
old maisters fault & fortune both, he wil
be old, & then they will not care for him.
Not a word yet? I will make him speake
anone. You shal haue your sonne ioynd
patent with you for Bescood: if he will
come home and be a true Knight to the
croune. What say you to that? Mary Go-
spell in your mouth; and if he can be pro-
ued

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ued other, I renounce him for my sonne.
Oh haue you found your tounge now? Well
Sir, I haue a sute to you, I pray you ap-
peare on my lury, & giue a good verdict
of our booke called M. A. I. x. You know
the booke well enough, I read you a
flesp in it once or twice as we went from
Greenewitch to Westminster. Our typpō
it, haue you put it in Print? did not I tell
you then, Charles Chester & 2. or three
such scoffing fellowes would laughe at
you for it? Yes: & did not I tell you again,
that I would laugh too, and so we might
all be merie? Well grim fire, let me haue
a friendly verdict, if it be but for teaching
you to mend a fault at Bescood, that I felt
there 24. winters ago; & if you do not say
well of it, I will cause one or other that
hath bin at M. A. I. x. with you, report it
in Court to your disgrace, & your loane
shalbe disgraced too for tying your
Points, and sitting by you so homelic (yet
I would I had giuen 100. pounnds she ne-
uer had had worse nor vntruer tale told
of her) & so fare you well good M. Mark-
ham, and God send you manie a good

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stoole. And thus with much a do the Iurie was Impannell. Now begā I to haue a good hope, nay rather a firme assurāce of my acquitall; hauing got a Iurie of so good sufficiencie, so great integritie, so sound ability: but it is cōmonly sene that in matters depending in cōtrouerfie, the greatest danger is bred by to much securitie: For the accusation was so hard followed, that some of the Iury began to be doubtfull of their verdict, the witnesses were so manie, their allegations so shrowd, & the euidēce so pregnant. And not onelie the faults of this present Pāphlet but my former offēces which were before the pardon (contrarie to the due course of all Courts) were inforced against me. As first to proue I had wrōged not only Ladies of the Court, but all womens sex; they had quoted a Stanse in *Hary Osto* beginning thus,

*Yee Courtly Dames, that are both kind & trew,
Vnto your Lords, if kind and true be any,
As sure I am in all your lonely crew,
Of so chaste minde, there are not ouer many:*

~~And as for the first of these~~
~~which are in the first of these~~
~~which are in the first of these~~

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~~was formerly~~

Now he began to hold his wife excused,
His anger now a litle is relented,
And though that she her body had abused
And to a servant had so soone consented.

And after in the person of Rodomont.
Vngratfull, false, craftie you are, and crewell,
Borne of our burning hell to be the fewell.

~~And for this but he the punishment~~

~~that was due to him was not contented~~

~~with the punishment which he had~~

~~received~~

~~And for this punishment was not contented~~

And lastly in this Pamphlet to cōpare,
or rather to confound bawdie houses & I will not tell
Iakes houses, Courtisans & Carters, with you which
Angels & Hermits, there were 3. or 4. of foure, for a
the lury (that said) the time had bin, they 100 pounds.
would haue thought it no good man-
ners. But *Alpha & Omega* that haue euer
thought chastitie a vertue, acquitted me
at last, saying, to scorne vice, shewed a
loue of vertue. And for the rest I pleaded
not onely a generall but a special pardō.
Yet least the standers by should thinke I
had bin guilty, or that I had bin burnt in

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the hand for the like fact before. I answered, that in the verse I did but follow my author. The whole work being enioyned me as a penance by that saint, nay rather goddesse, whose seruice I am only deuoted vnto. And as for the verses before alledged, they were so flat against my conscience, that I inserted somewhat, more then once, to qualifie the rigour of those hard speeches. For exāple against railing Rodomont, I said thus.

*I tremble to set downe in my poore verse,
The blasphemies that he to speake presumes;
And writing this, I do know this that I
Of in my hart, do giue my pen the lye.*

And in another place, to free me frō all suspicion of pretended malice, & to shew a manifest euidence of intended loue, where my autor very sparingly had praised some wiues, I added of mine owne () so much as more I thinke was neuer said for them, which I will here set downe *ad perpetuam rei memoriam*, and that all posteritie may know how good a husband I would be thought.

*Loe here a verse in laud of louing vniuers,
Extolling still, our happie married state,*

I say

Mine owne
sub auditur
verse or wife
which you
will.

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*I say they are, the comforts of our lines,
Drawing a happie yoke, without debate:
A play-fellow, that far off all griefe drives,
A Steward, early that provides and late,
Faithfull, and kind, sober, and sweet, & trusty,
Nurse to weake age, & pleasure to the lusty.*

Further for the faults escaped in this fore alledged Pāphlet, I protested I was ready to make a retractatiō for their better satisfaction; as namely, First, for that homely cōparison that I made betweene my Lady Cloacinas house, and my Lady Floras Nymphes, I take it not to hold in general, but with this exception. Except it be a verie fowle & deformed harlot; or a very cleane and reformed *A I A X*.

Secondly for the rules of taming a shrew, that I commended for the wiser; I here protest against that rule: for if it haue not bene followed within the first yere or a day, it is too late to proue a new rule afterwarde. And therefore I hold it as a rule or maxime, proued by natural Philosophy, confirmed by ancient historie, and therefore may here be concluded in our poore Poetrie in this sort.

Aristotle ruled by his wife.
Semiramis asked leaue

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to rule but a
weeke, but
you know
what follow-
ed.

*Concerning wines take this a certaine rule,
That if at first you let them haue the rule,
Your selfe at last with them shall haue no rule,
Except you let them euermore so rule,*

At this, the whole Iurie were mery & agreed all to quite me. And as for those that articulated against me, some of them are so tickled with this answer as I am sure they wil neuer accuse me for an enemy to Ladies anie more.

The next Article was for abusing the name of a great souldier, both in that being a Græcian, I make him speake in *Latrina lingua*: & that hauing bin so renowned for his vallew in wars, I wold say his picture was set in so homely a place, that it might also thereby seeme to haue bin called after his name in English. Now this matter was followed verie hotlie by halfe a dosen gallāt souldiers, that neuer saw naked sword out of Fleetstreet, and these came in swearing that I had touched them in honor, & they would therefore fight with me about it. The Iury seemed to make but light of the matter, but yet to satisfie the Gentlemē specially 2.
of

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of them, that had bene likened to Brutus
and Cassius and called *ultimi Ruffinorū*.
They wisht me to answere them which I
did in this sort. I said I was loth to fight
for the iestification of my wit: & further
I could name them 2. honest Gentlemen
that had offred M. A I A X as great abuse
as this, & he had put it vp at their hands,
they asked who they were? I told them
they were 2. of his countrymen one they
called him M. Plato, the other M. Plu-
tark, of whom the one in his 10. booke *de*
Repub. saith, that the soule of A I A X went
into a Lyon, & the other saith, it had bin
as good for it to haue gone into an asse,
& both agree that it went into hell. And
if reading of this will satisfie you, I will
turne you to the place, and lend you the
booke in Latin or in French, for that I
thinke is your better language; & I pro-
test to you, it is an excellēt chapter wher-
in the same Plutarke very diuinely shew-
eth how predestination, and freewill, and
chāce may all stand together. The pox of
Plutarke & you to (saith on of these figh-
ting fellowes,) reade him who list for I

Plato 10. de
Repub.
Plutarke 9.
booke Sump.
seene. c. 5.

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will neuer reade him, but why should he
or you either abuse a souldiers name? Oh
sir said I, good words I pray you, though
I dare say you wish me no worse then
you haue your selfe: for I know you are a
Gétleman of 3 .decêts, but if that be be-
yond your reading, let me come within
compasse of your study, I know you haue
read old Scogins Iests. Did not he when
the French king said that he had set our
kings picture in the place where his close
stoole stands. Sir saith he, you do the bet-
ter, for euery time you looke on him, you
are so frayd that you haue need of a close
stoole. Now I hope I offer A I A x no
greater scorne then that was, yet thanks
be to God their successeurs remaine
good friends. This did somewhat better
answer them, but not fully. Nay Maisters
(quoth I) if you stand on the puntillios
with me: whomsoeuer this answer will
not serue, let him send me the bredth of
his buckler (I should say the length of
his rapier) and draw himselfe as lineally
from Captaine Medons grandfather as
I haue deriued A I A x from *Stercutius*;
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and I will presently make a recantation of all I haue said. At last to take vp the quarrell Sir M. A. and M. R. S. set downe their order, that he should not be called any more Captaine *A I A X*, nor *Monsieur A I A X*, but *Don A I A X*, and then to this second article they all agreed not guiltie.

Recantare, is
to sing the
same song a-
gaine.

These swearing fellows being thus discharged, there comes a couple of formall fellowes in blacke cloaks faced with veluet, and hats sutable to the same; and vnder their hats litle night caps, that couered their Epimetheus, but not their Prometheus; hauing special care to keep their braine warme (yet one of them was said to be a hote brained fellow;) the other had no great fault that I know, saue that he would say too long a grace afore dinner, in so much that one of his owne coat told him one day, that if he had thought to haue had a collatiō, he wold haue sung a Psalm before it. These whisperd two or three of the lury in the eare, and after hauing made a ducking curtesie or two, bad the Lord to guide their

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All that defend the
Queenes
proceedings
are counted
no better
then Papists
with these
hot fellows,
and they call
my Lord of
Cant. our
Pope.

worships; and so went backe to their
chambers (at the signe of the Bible: lea-
uing a mad fellow their Atturney to
vrge the accusation they had brought,
which was in shew verie sharpe and hay-
nous, to this effect. That they supposed
me to be in hart a Papist. Straight I
searcht euerie corner of my hart, and fin-
ding no such thought in it, I asked why
any man should say so? I know (said I)
some of you would see my hart out by
your wils: but for that you shall pardon
me. But this you know *ex abundantia cor-
dis, os loquitur*, out of the abundance of
hart the mouth speaketh. And here I pro-
test to you all, I neuer defended any opi-
nion of Religion, either by way of argu-
ment or writing, that in any point gain-
saith the Cōmuniō booke. Let my accu-
sers say so if they can. Yes Sir saith their
zealous Atturney. I heard one testifie *vi-
ua voce* in a Pulpit, that you had defen-
ded a Popish opinion, of a second com-
ming of Elias. He lyes like an asse (said
I) and so tell him. And if I mistake him
not much; I trow his good liuing grows
not

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not so fast with his new benefice, as his good name withers with his ill behaviour. But if he vse no better behaviour, then to tell me my faults at Bath, when I am at London; I may fortune play the bad horseman, and spurre him at Londo for stumbling so ill fauoredly at Bath. Or if I would ride like a hotspur, he might hap like a dull Iade (asse he is) be wrong on the withers, as one of his coat was for such a matter in the same place. It may be he thinkes he hath aduantage of me because he can prate in a Pulpit *cum licentia*, but he shall see by this litle, that I haue libertie if I list, to replie in Print *cum priuilegio*. And my replication may fortune be as forcible as his answer.

More I would haue said (for I was in choller) but some of the Iurie wished me for satisfying of the companie, to tell what Religion I was of. It was a straunge question to be asked me a fore such a Iurie (considering I came not thether to be Catachysed) and therefore I determined to make them as straunge an answer,

For some of
them I hope
are but Pro-
testantes of
anno primo
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such as should please them all, or dis-
please them all ere I had done. First I
said, neither *Papist*, *Protestant*, nor *Puri-
tan*. Then all said they would condemne
me as a newter or *nulli fidian*, except I
gaue a better answer.

Then I said, I am a *protesting Catho-
licke Puritan*. Tush say they, how can
that be? Forsooth euen thus, to belecue
well, do well, and say well, to haue good
faith, good workes, & good words, is not
that a good Religion? Yes indeede, so
done, were very well said. But said they,
directly we expect your answer, what
you count to be true Religiō. Why thē
directly thus I answered; out of *S. Iustus
Epistle* the two last verses, you shall see
who be of a wrong Religion, and who be
of the right. *Iustus*? Oh, faith one by
and by, I thinke he meanes Iames, and
straight he puls a litle booke out of his
fleeue; that looked like *Ianus* picture;
with two faces standing East and West
(but it was a testamēt bound to the back-
side of Davids Psalmes) and turning to
the place, he read as followeth. If a man
thinke

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think him self Religious; not refray-
ning his tounge; but seducing his hart,
this mans Religion is vaine. Pure Reli-
gion and vndefiled before God, euen the
father, is this, to visite orphanes and wi-
dowes in their afflictions, and to keepe
your self vndefiled from the world. Why
then, saith one, if you professe so pure a
Religion, it seemes you are a Puritan. E-
uen so. More time would haue bin spent
in this matter, but that sir H. P. told them
these things belonged to the high Com-
missioners, and therefore wisht them to
proceede to the next. Now for the last
article, because it was concerning onely
the Pamphlet it selfe, the whole Iurie
referred the censuring thereof to Syr
H. P. to say if any thing therein were a-
gainst the law, because he was well seene
in the law.

To haue a
bad tounge is
bad Religiō.

He told them that indeede he had
read it more then once: and that for
ought he could obserue in it, it did not
in any point offend either common or
Statute law. But (saied he) there is a law
(as I take it,) more commō then Ciuill,

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Judge Mark-
ham would
haue bene
of that opi-
nion in the
time of Ed.
the iiii. and
Iudge Port-
man your
grandfather
in Ed. the vj.

*Sapiens est ni-
hil prestare
preter culpam.*

that saith things must be as they be ta-
ken. Yet for my part in my verdict I
would not say any mans eares are hornes;
What the rest said I could not tell, for I
was sent away, yet I ouer-heard one of
them say, he would talke with a Coun-
seller to informe him better of the law.
But I finding that to grow so doubtfull,
that I thought would haue bin so cleare,
begā now to thinke it my safest course to
sue for a pardon. And with that I awa-
ked, vowing I would neuer write any
more such idle toys, if this were well ta-
ken: praying the readers to regard it but
as the first lyne of Isops Fables,

*Gallus gallinaceus dū vultis percorarium
inuenit gemmam.*

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